

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A method performed by one or more server or client devices, comprising:

obtaining, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, a text fragment;

performing, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, a search, based, at least in part, on the text fragment, to identify one or more documents;

identifying, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, sentences within the one or more documents that include the text fragment;

determining, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, sentence endings as text that is located within the identified sentences between the text fragment and an end of the identified sentences;

assigning, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, scores to the sentence endings based, at least in part, on a location within the identified sentences at which the text fragment occurs; and

~~presenting~~ outputting, using a processor associated with the one or more server or client devices, the sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment based, at least in part, on the scores.

2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the text fragment includes a phrase.

3. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the obtaining a text fragment includes receiving the text fragment from a user.

4. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the obtaining a text fragment includes automatically detecting the text fragment.

5. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the performing a search includes searching for documents that include the text fragment as a phrase.

6. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where the performing a search includes searching for documents that include the text fragment and synonyms of one or more words within the text fragment.

7. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim [[1]] 30, further comprising:
means for determining whether a ~~number~~ quantity of the ~~one or more~~ documents is less than a threshold;

means for shortening the text fragment when the ~~number~~ quantity of the ~~one or more~~ documents is less than the threshold; and

means for performing a search, based, at least in part, on the shortened text fragment, to identify a set of documents.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 7, where the means for shortening the text fragment includes means for dropping one or more words from a beginning or end of the text fragment.

10. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 7, where the means for shortening the text fragment includes:

means for identifying one or more symbols within the text fragment, and
means for dropping one or more words from the text fragment based, at least in part, on the one or more identified symbols.

11. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim 7, where the means for shortening the text fragment includes:

means for analyzing a structure of the text fragment, and
means for dropping one or more words from the text fragment based, at least in part, on the analysis of the structure of the text fragment.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the identifying sentences within the one or more documents includes determining boundaries of the identified sentences based, at least in part, on punctuation [[near]] that borders the identified sentences in the one or more documents.

13. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
trimming at least one of the sentence endings by dropping one or more words from the at least one sentence ending.

14. (previously presented) The method of claim 13, where the one or more words are dropped from the at least one sentence ending based, at least in part, on at least one of text or one or more symbols included in the at least one sentence ending.

15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising:
generating an inverse document frequency table that includes words common to sentence endings; and

where the trimming at least one of the sentence endings includes:
comparing the text of the at least one sentence ending to words in the inverse document frequency table, and
dropping one or more words from the at least one sentence ending based, at least in part, on a result of the comparison.

16. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, where the trimming at least one of the sentence endings includes:

identifying the one or more symbols included in the at least one sentence ending, and
dropping one or more words from the at least one sentence ending based, at least in part, on the one or more identified symbols.

17. (original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
merging two or more of the sentence endings into a merged sentence ending.

18. (currently amended) The method of claim 17, where the merging two or more of the sentence endings includes:

identifying two or more of the sentence endings that have text in common, and
merging the identified two or more sentence endings.

19. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
determining quality ones of the sentence endings based, at least in part, on at least one of a table of common beginnings of sentences or a table of common endings of sentences.

20. (canceled)

21. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, where assigning the scores to the sentence endings is further based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with each of the sentence endings.

22. (previously presented) The method of claim 21, where the measure of popularity associated with the sentence endings is based, at least in part, on a number of times that the sentence endings occur within the one or more documents.

23. (canceled)

24. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
adjusting the scores of the sentence endings based, at least in part, on lengths of the sentence endings.

25. (previously presented) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
adjusting the scores of the sentence endings based, at least in part, on whether at least a portion of the sentence endings are included in a list of bad endings.

26. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ system of claim ~~[[1]]~~ 31, where the one or more servers are further comprising to:

~~discarding~~ discard one or more of the sentence ~~endings~~ completions when at least a portion of the one or more sentence ~~endings~~ completions is included in a list of bad ~~endings~~ completions.

27. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the ~~presenting~~ outputting the sentence endings includes:

ordering the sentence endings based, at least in part, on the scores, and
presenting the ordered sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment.

28. (currently amended) The ~~method~~ device of claim [[1]] 41, where, when providing the plurality of the ~~presenting the~~ sentence ~~endings~~ includes completions, the processor is to:
~~providing~~ present the plurality of sentence ~~endings~~ completions via a pop-up window.

29. (currently amended) The method of claim 1, where the ~~presenting~~ outputting the sentence endings includes:

inserting one of the sentence endings near a location of the text fragment, and
replacing the one of the sentence endings with a subsequent one or more of the sentence endings.

30. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

one or more devices comprising:

means for receiving a text fragment;

means for identifying documents that include the text fragment;

means for locating sentences within the documents that include at least some of the text fragment;

means for identifying sentence endings associated with the located sentences, where the sentence endings include text that is located within the located sentences between the at least some of the text fragment and an end of the located sentences;

means for assigning scores to the sentence endings based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the sentence endings, where the measure of popularity associated with one of the sentence endings is based, at least in part, on a number of times that the one of the sentence endings occurs within the documents; and

means for presenting the sentence endings as potential completions for the text fragment based, at least in part, on the scores.

31. (currently amended) A system, comprising:

one or more servers ~~configured~~ to:

receive a text fragment, where the text fragment includes a plurality of words,

identify documents that include at least a portion of the text fragment,

locate sentences within the documents that ~~are associated with~~ include the at least a portion of the text fragment,

determine sentence completions associated with the located sentences, where the sentence completions include text that is located within the located sentences between the at least a portion of the text fragment and an end of the located sentences,

trim one of the sentence completions by dropping one or more words from the one of the sentence completions, and

provide a plurality of the sentence completions including the trimmed sentence completion as potential completions for the text fragment.

32. (previously presented) The system of claim 31, where the one or more servers include a plurality of servers.

33-40. (canceled)

41. (currently amended) A computer device, comprising:

a memory ~~configured~~ to store instructions; and

a processor ~~configured~~ to execute the instructions in the memory to:

obtain a fragment of text,

search for documents that include at least a portion of the fragment of text,

identify sentences within the documents that include the at least the portion of the fragment of text,

determine sentence completions as text located within the identified sentences between the at least the portion of the fragment of text and an end of the identified sentences,

merge at least two of the sentence completions to form a single merged sentence completion, and

provide a plurality of the sentence completions, including the merged sentence completion, as potential completions for the fragment of text.

42. (canceled)

43. (currently amended) The system of claim 31, where the one or more servers are further ~~configured~~ to assign scores to the plurality of the sentence completions based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the plurality of the sentence completions [[or]] and a location within the located sentences at which the at least a portion of the text fragment occurs.

44. (currently amended) The device of claim 41, where the processor is further ~~configured~~ to assign scores to the plurality of the sentence completions based, at least in part, on a measure of popularity associated with the plurality of the sentence completions [[or]] and a location within the identified sentences at which the at least the portion of the fragment of text occurs.

45. (new) The system of claim 30, where the means for assigning the scores includes:
means for scoring the sentence endings based, at least in part, on the measure of popularity associated with the sentence endings and on a location at which the sentence endings occur within the located sentences.